



Press Release

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On: JANUARY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
 UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.83 million head on January 1, up 8 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down slightly from the December 1 level. Producers placed 420,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 17 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below the November 2003 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 410,000 head during December, up 3 percent from last year and unchanged from the November 2003, total.

On January 1 there were 2.33 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 6 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 317,000 head, an 8 percent decrease from the November total. Marketings were up 4 percent from last month to 334,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.2 million head on January 1, 2004. This inventory was 6 percent above January 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.75 million head, 10 percent above December 2002. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 503,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 529,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 448,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 268,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, down 3 percent from 2002.

Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed December 1		Placed on feed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		On feed January 1	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	295	284	25	32	27	22	4	1	289	293
California	500	500	55	70	55	55	10	5	490	510
Colorado	1,070	1,060	145	180	185	190	10	10	1,020	1,040
Idaho	300	310	44	53	47	60	2	3	295	300
Iowa	350	370	65	50	59	48	1	2	355	370
Kansas	2,300	2,480	390	410	470	435	20	25	2,200	2,430
Nebraska	2,180	2,280	340	350	370	340	10	10	2,140	2,280
New Mexico	123	121	12	14	15	17	1	3	119	115
Oklahoma	340	350	34	53	41	45	3	3	330	355
South Dakota	195	200	38	31	27	30	1	1	205	200
TEXAS	2,700	2,840	360	420	400	410	30	20	2,630	2,830
Washington	195	205	32	30	40	38	2	2	185	195
Other States	350	330	55	55	65	50	5	5	335	330
United States	10,898	11,330	1,595	1,748	1,801	1,740	99	90	10,593	11,248

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	During December									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	33	45	41	50	46	60	25	25	145	180
Kansas	70	95	155	155	105	110	60	50	390	410
Nebraska	64	68	103	104	102	100	71	78	340	350
TEXAS	134	150	133	140	72	100	21	30	360	420
Other States	120	145	80	80	82	78	78	85	360	388
United States	421	503	512	529	407	448	255	268	1,595	1,748

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States ¹ , January 1, 2002-2004										
Item	Number			2004 as Percent of						
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003					
	<i>1,000 head</i>					<i>Percent</i>				
On feed December 1 ^{2/ 3/}	11,891	10,898	11,330	95	104					
Placed on feed during December ^{2/ 3/}	1,578	1,595	1,748	111	110					
Fed cattle marketed during December ^{2/ 3/}	1,811	1,801	1,740	96	97					
Other disappearance during December ^{2/ 3/ 4/}	93	99	90	97	91					
On feed January 1 ⁴	11,565	10,593	11,248	97	106					

¹ The Cattle on Feed release has been modified to exclude calculation and publication of this historic 7 States. ² Data is for December previous year. ³ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ⁴ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots									
Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 2-S	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i><u>1,000 head</u></i>								
On feed December 1 ¹	2,357	208	73	25	24	40	59	54	2,840
Placed on feed during December	317	42	11	7	4	8	18	13	420
Marketed during December	334	30	8	4	4	10	9	11	410
Other disappearance during December ² ..	15	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	20
On feed January 1 ¹	2,325	219	74	26	24	38	68	56	2,830

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